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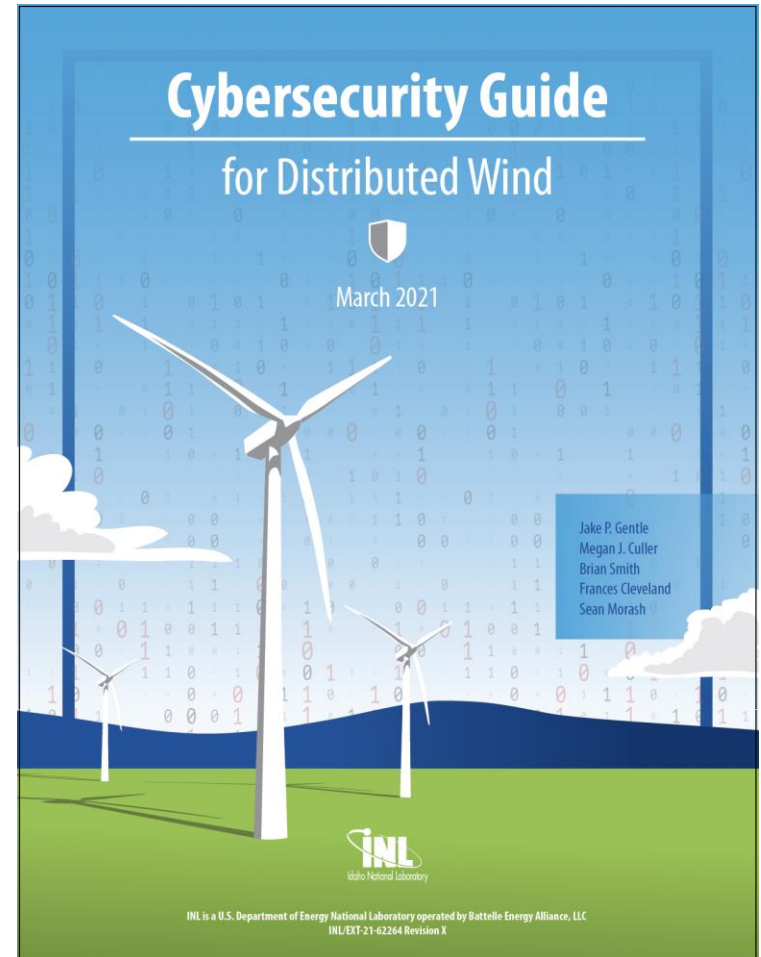
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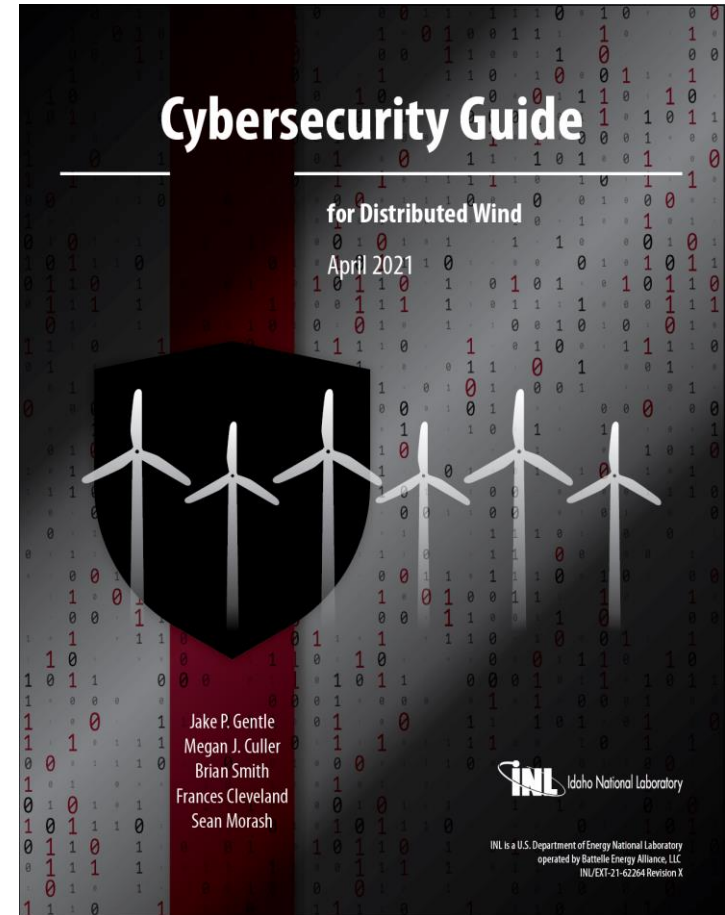
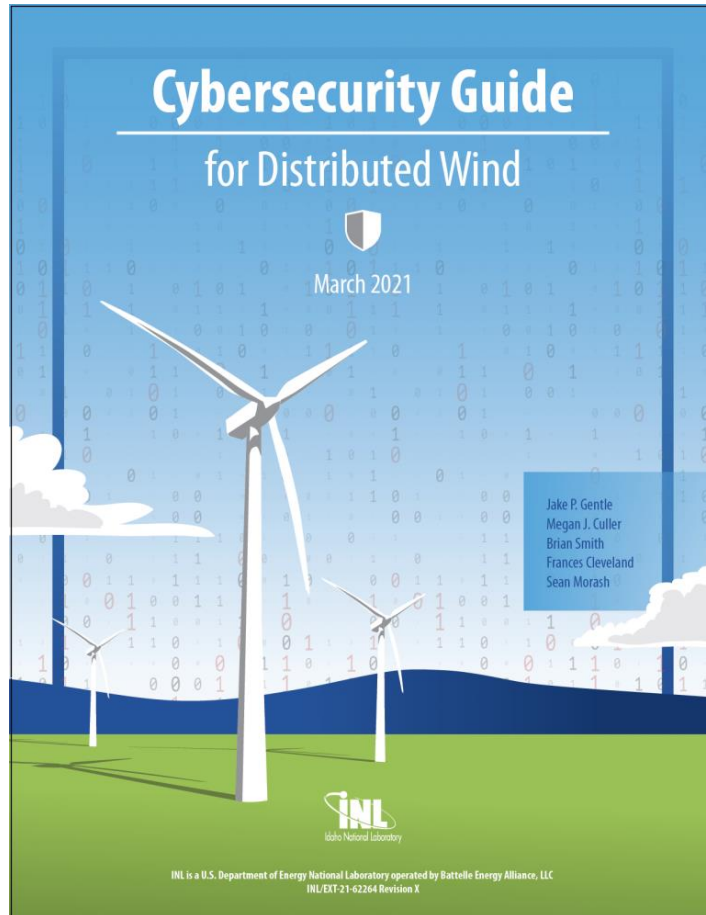


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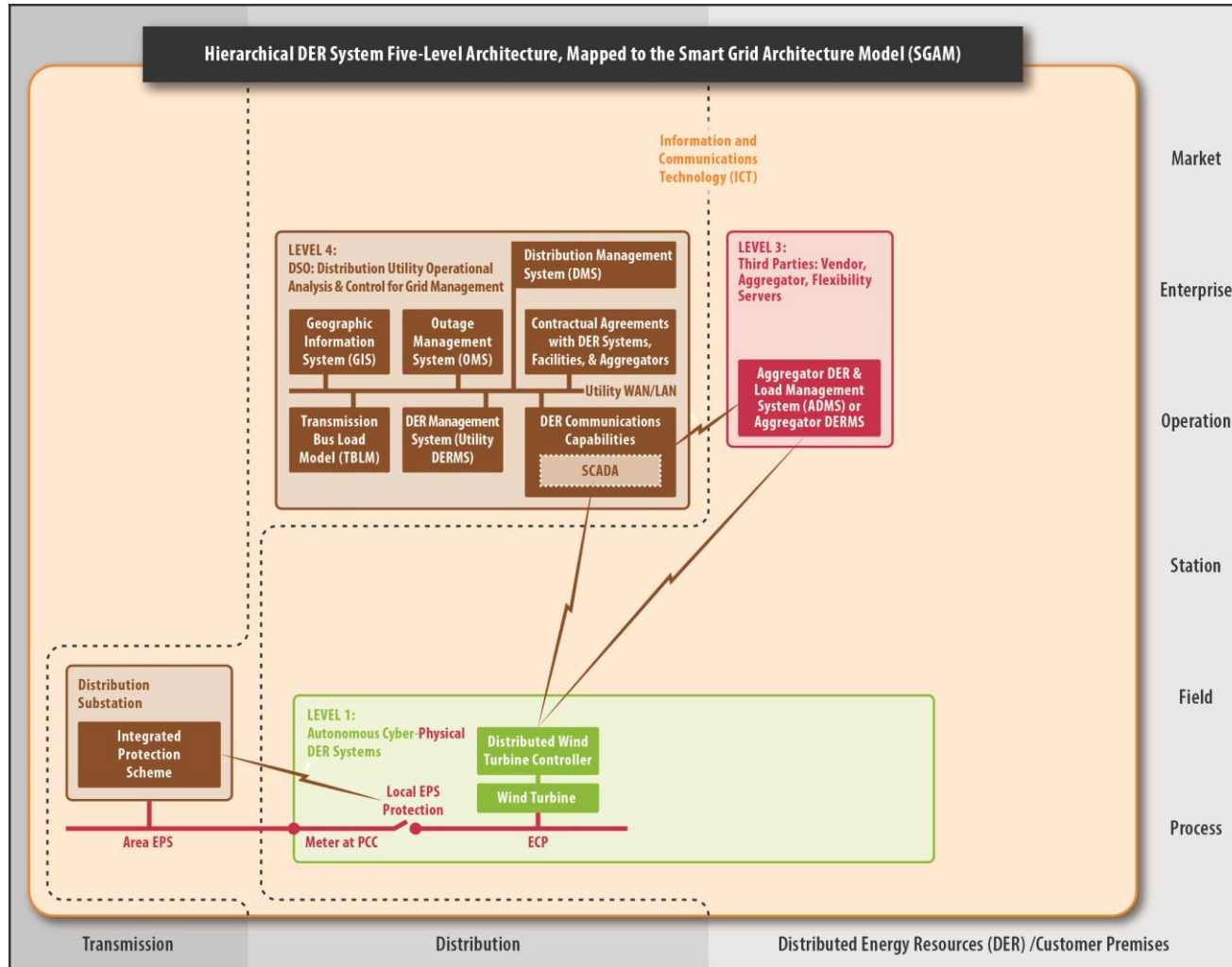
- Motivate need for cybersecurity for distributed wind
- Explain unique challenges of cybersecurity for distributed wind
- Recommend best practices for cybersecurity for distributed wind stakeholders



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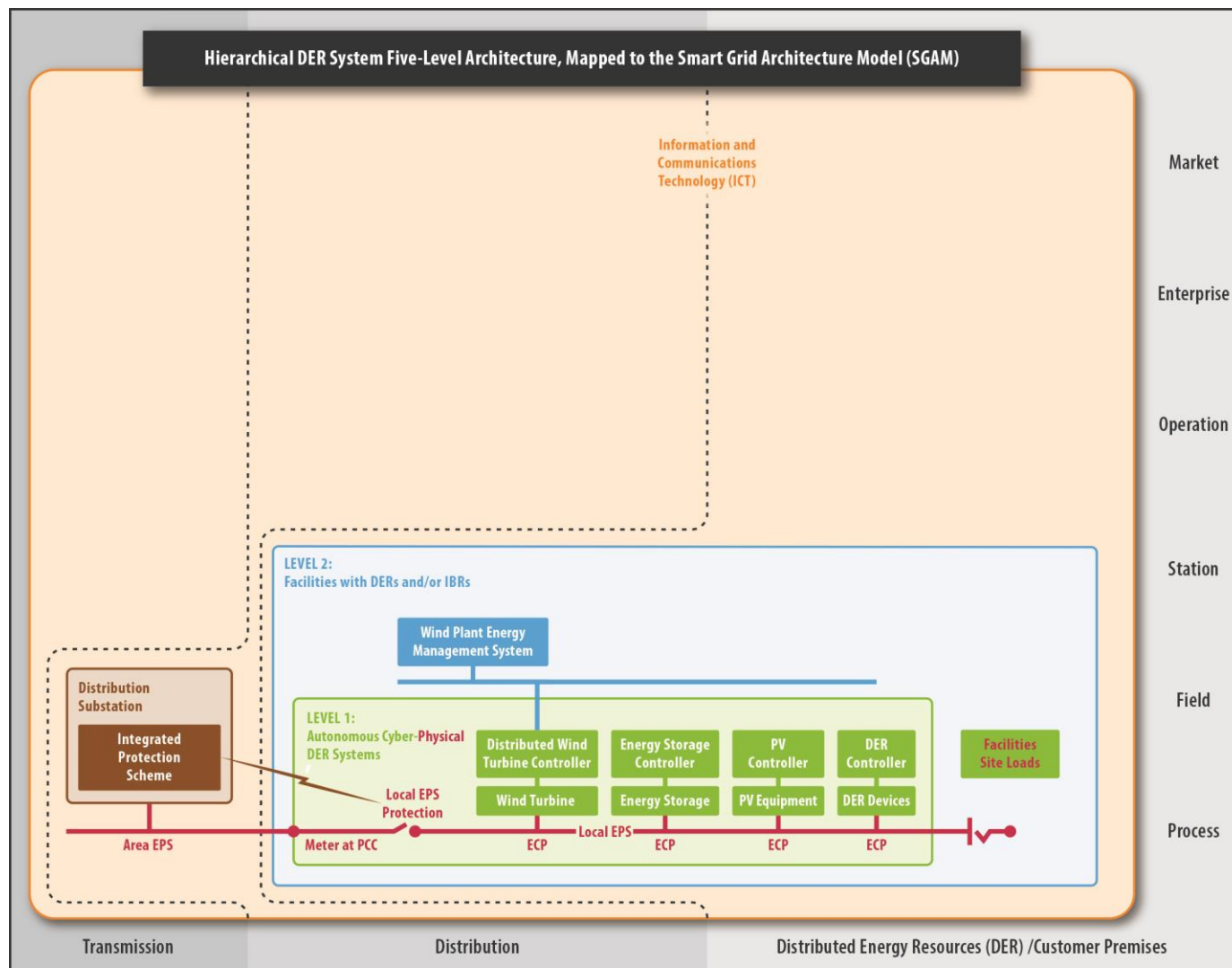


Distributed Wind Architectures: Front-of-the-meter



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Distributed Wind Architectures: Behind-the-Meter

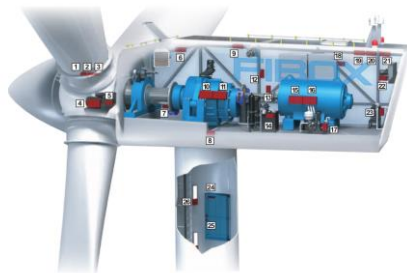


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Need for Cybersecurity



Shifting wind energy design landscape demands altered cybersecurity paradigm



Distributed wind turbines have many applications, not all stakeholders may be familiar with ICS cybersecurity practices



Cyber threats to wind energy technology have been established and demonstrated



Lack of standards and guidelines for distributed wind

Images:

<https://www.fiboxusa.com/enclosures-for-wind-power/> ‘
<https://www.spower.com/index.php>
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<https://keelsolution.com/blog/why-implementing-rds-pp-standards-lowers-wind-turbine-operations-and-maintenance-cost/>

Challenges for Cybersecurity for Distributed Wind



Different protocols



Remote monitoring



Rise in ICS
cybersecurity
incidents



Supply chain and
lifecycle monitoring



No one-size-fits-all
solution



Lack of standards



Few incentives to
prioritize
cybersecurity



Limited threat
sharing



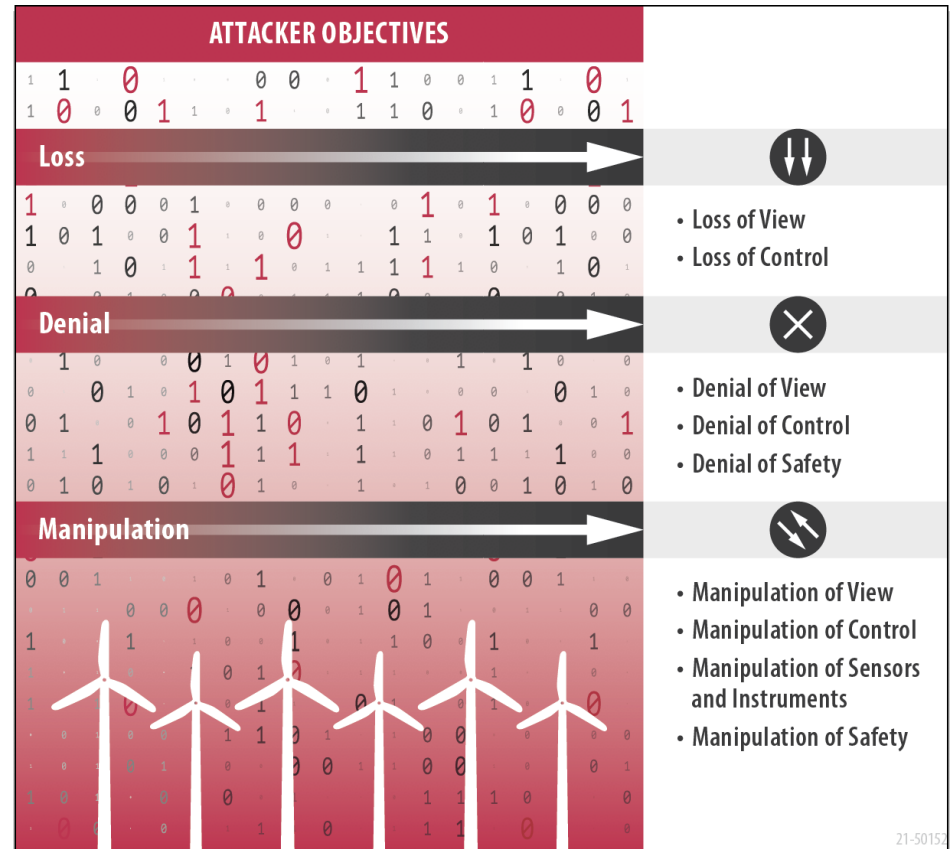
Lack of market
offerings that
consider security



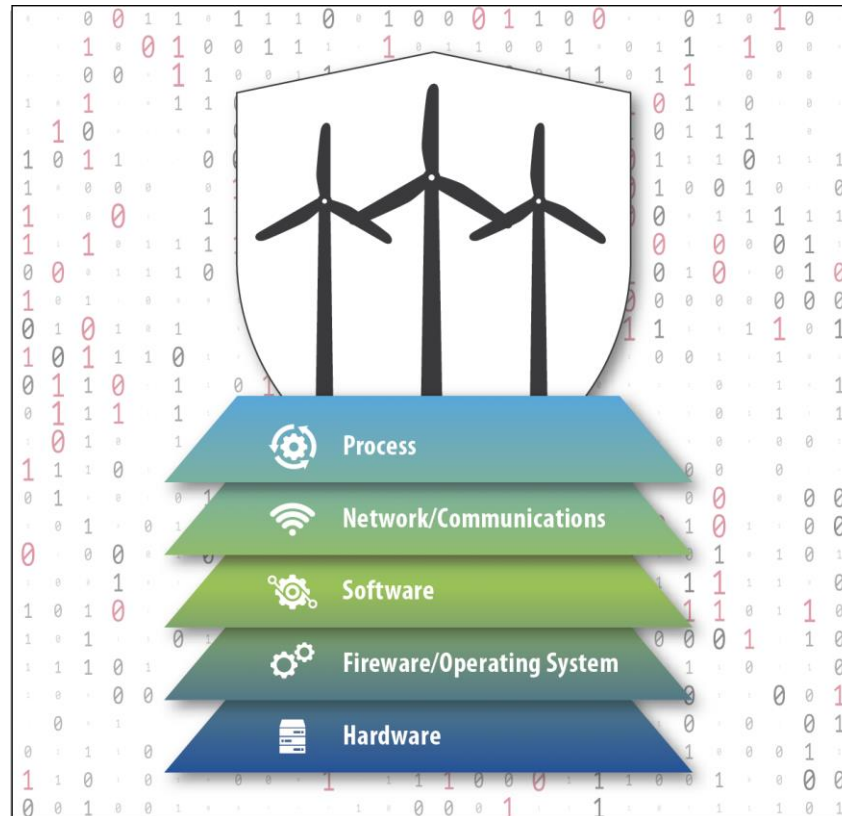
Many stakeholders
and personnel
involved

Threats, Adversaries, and Objectives

- Basic Hacker
- Disgruntled Insider
- Organized Group
- Hostile Nation-State or Terrorist



Vulnerabilities and Attack Vectors



- Vulnerabilities may occur at any of the process layers
- Vulnerabilities are building blocks of an attack vector
- Many individual vulnerabilities could be exploited to obtain the same end goal

Key Recommendations

RA

- Risk assessment and management recommendations

NE

- Communication network engineering recommendations

AC

- Access control recommendations

DS

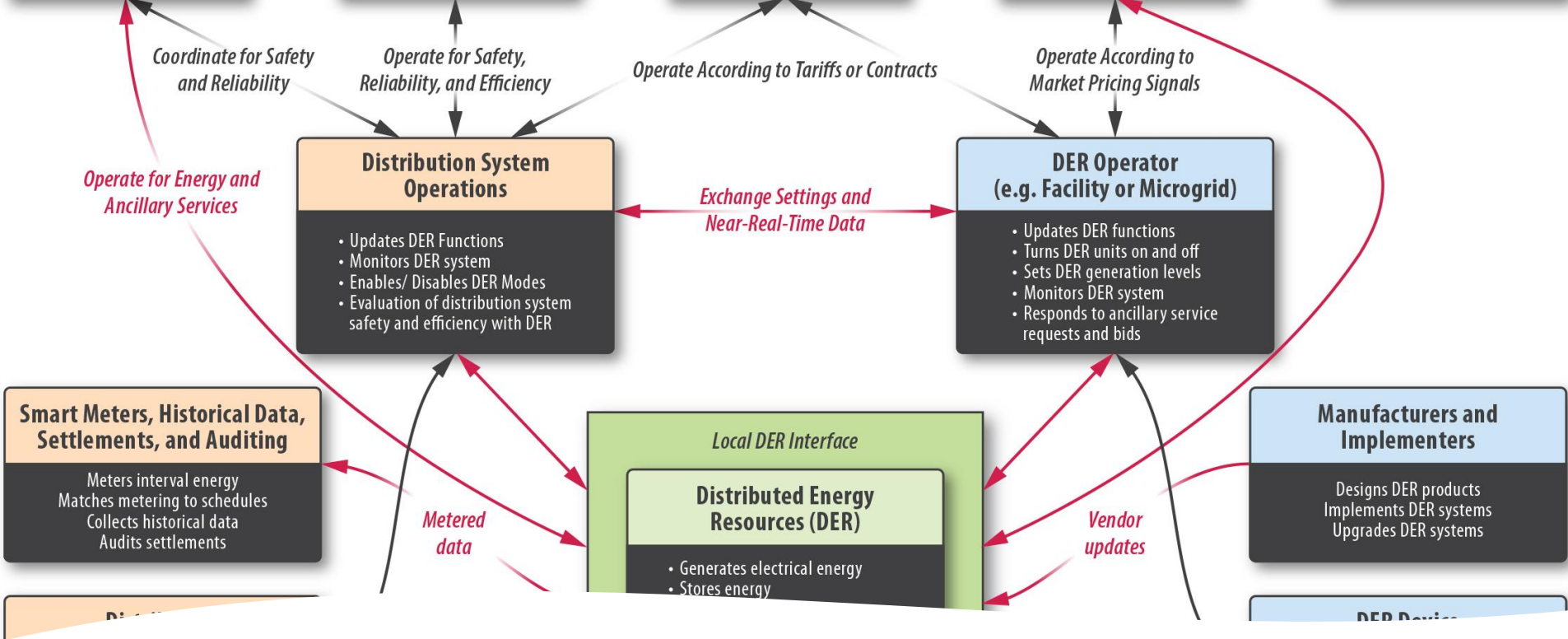
- Data security recommendations

SM

- Security management recommendations

CM

- Coping with and recovering from security events recommendations



Stakeholder Roles

- Distributed wind manufacturers
 - Design of autonomous capabilities to account for cyber mishaps
 - Secure design to IEEE 1547 communication requirements
 - Data validation built in
- Distributed wind integrators and installers
 - Cybersecurity contract in place
 - Proof that all cybersecurity requirements are met
 - Appropriate cybersecurity measures are enabled during installation
 - User's password must change before turbine turned on
- Distributed wind operators who could be facility (owner) operators, utility operators, aggregator operators, or other third parties
 - Protect data confidentiality
 - Ensure RBAC authorization in place

Thank you

